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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to and including  
December 9, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed  
concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at  
this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many  
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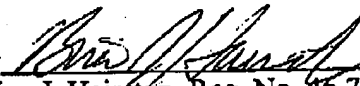
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Dated: February 9, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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